

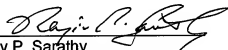
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 21-30 were pending on August 15, 2006 when the present Final Office Action was mailed. Claims 1-4, and 21-24 are allowed. Claims 25-30 are cancelled. No claims are amended or added.

Based on these amendments, applicants request this application's early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite its allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6478.

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